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Student Sees Reports 'Hamstring' to NSA

A student who has participated in meetings of the National Student Association says recently revealed links with the Central Intelligence Agency will probably "hamstring and cripple" the organization's activities.

Jim Evans, a law student who as an undergraduate at the University of Houston was instrumental in getting the school's student council to join the NSA, said he did not know of CIA backing when he attended a national convention.

"Knowledge of CIA support was confined to high levels," he says.

Now that the CIA connection has been exposed, Mr. Evans expects the NSA's overseas programs will suffer. Drawing on his personal experience in Latin American meetings, he says, "Students from Mexico, for example, hate the American government."

The exposure may not be completely harmful, though, Mr. Evans feels. In Texas, un-

dergraduates working with the NSA have been under fire from conservative groups as "agents for the Communists."

Now that the NSA has been proved a partial front for "American spies," Mr. Evans says, "the Young Republicans have been put in a completely inconsistent position."

Mr. Evans is in Atlanta for a meeting of college administrators. Although he thinks the CIA link has hurt the NSA, he does not feel that the student organization will disintegrate.

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